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Hello from the President's Desk,

The first part of this year has started out at a fast pace. Worked on the Chapter hunt through January and into February. The day of the hunt could not have been any better, with the weather, sunny and 70's, and the number of prizes. We had a new comer, Steve Mushenski, win the detector donated by Bounty Hunter.

After the hunt was over, I got back to working on bringing back the clubs that dropped out over the past few years. 7 States make up the Western Chapter and that is a lot of clubs to locate and contact. If you know of any clubs out there that need contacted, please contact my "new" VP or myself. I would love to see our membership back up to what it once was. The more members the better our voice will be heard at Local, State and Federal levels.

I appreciate the clubs and Independent members contacting me with newsletters and other information. Communicating is the key to defeating bad laws and the bad images of the detectorist and prospectors. We need to become more active if you wish to keep the hobby you love, contact your Congressman and Senators today!

I will be attending the FMDAC National Convention in Niagara Falls on May 5th, 6th and 7th. If you wish me to bring any complaints or suggestions to the Board, please submit them to me by April 25th. It has been almost 30 years since I have been to Niagara Falls and I am looking forward to it. If you are attending and want to hunt the beach (the rest of Beaver State Park is off limits), outside the hunt times, you will need to pick up a permit at the Ranger's Office during normal business hours.

Mike Smith
Chapter President

Western Chapter's Vice Presidents Corner

I just recently volunteered for and was accepted by FMDAC for the Chapter Vice Presidency. So who am I? I am retired from the electronics industry and have been interested in Metal Detecting since the early seventies. I did a fair amount of detecting in the 70's but left the hobby due to work pressures and returned again in 1998 to the hobby. My primary type of detecting is for jewelry- specifically gold and silver. My favorite places to hunt are of course saltwater beaches, however I spend a great deal of time hunting local and county parks for the goodies. A good year for me is around three ounces of pure gold by using standard KT rating of items found. I am currently an active member in the SVDB- Sacramento Valley Detecting Buffs and have held a number of positions in the club. I am currently the web-master for the club web-site: www.sacramentovalleydetectingbuffs.com. Check the web-site out.

My interest in becoming a member of the Western Chapter organization are:

To participant in making metal detecting clubs aware of the Federation (FMDAC) and its benefits.

To provide assistances to the Western Chapter President, Mike Smith, concerning Chapter projects and other needs.

To encourage metal detecting clubs to become a member of the Federation - FMDAC.

To encourage and support more involvement by local metal detecting clubs in their community governments, hopefully to preserve our hobby for future generations of metal detectorists.

During the coming year I will make an effort to visit as many clubs as possible in the northern California / Nevada area. You should be getting a phone call or e-mail from me in the future.

Lee Wiese
Chapter Vice President

Chapter Club Raffle

If any one is interested, one of our clubs, Silver State Detecting, is holding a raffle for a White's Prizm V Detector, \$550 retail value. It is open to everyone. Tickets are \$5 each and the raffle is to be held at the end of May, if enough tickets have been sold. Send your check or money order to: Silver State Detecting c/o Reno Prospectors Supply 315 Claremont Street Reno, NV 89502. It is a great way to help support the club and possibly win a detector.

National Raffle

At the Spring Convention May 5th, 6th & 7th in Niagara Fall, NY, there is a raffle being held for Gold coins and Silver Rounds. You need not be present to win. Tickets are 1 for \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00. If you would like to get in on this, send a check or money order made out to FMDAC. Mail it to: Jill McFeeders, National Treasurer, 7025 Dover Zoar Road N.E. Dover,

OH 44622. Jill will put your name on the amount of tickets you purchase. Jill mailed a few packets of tickets to each club a couple of months ago. GOOD LUCK!!!

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Western Chapter Clubs

In Arizona:

The Arizona Treasures Unlimited club voted on the 2005 Find of the Year. Bryon Porretta won first place with an 1892 Carson City Silver Dollar. Vic Mathis placed second with his Ft. Bowie Token. Dave Matthiessen placed third with a Congress Arizona Territory Token.

In California:

The Siskiyou County Relics and Recovery named Sharon Rettmann, Treasure Hunter of the Year for 2005. Mona Goudelock placed second within the club. Find of the Year went to Wanda Payne.

The Coinshooters of San Diego named Jim Walker, both Treasurer Hunter of the Year and Best Find of the Year. This is the first time one person has won both titles. His best find was a \$2.50 Gold Quarter Eagle, dated 1915.

West Coast Prospectors & Treasurer Hunters are getting ready for their Annual Rendezvous April 28th, 29th and 30th.

In Nevada:

The Silver State Detecting Club is looking into a new club logo. With winter still upon them, they hope to have the first outing of the year in April.

Calendar of Events

April 28th - 30th – West Coasters presents RENDEZVOUS 2006 at the Rancho Jurupa Regional Park in Riverside, CA. For more information contact Betty Broughton at 310-549-7188.

May 5th - 7th - FMDAC Spring Convention is being held in Niagara Falls, NY. For more information contact Jill McFeeders at 330-364-1608 or email jcseeker@core.com

PLEASE FOLLOW THE CODE OF ETHICS AND ENJOY THE HOBBY

FMDAC'S CODE OF ETHICS

I WILL ALWAYS CHECK FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY AND LOCAL LAWS BEFORE SEARCHING. IT IS MY RESPONSIBILITY TO "KNOW THE LAW".

I WILL RESPECT PRIVATE PROPERTY AND WILL NOT ENTER PRIVATE PROPERTY WITHOUT THE OWNER'S PERMISSION, WHERE POSSIBLE SUCH PERMISSION WILL BE IN WRITING.

I WILL TAKE CARE TO REFILL ALL HOLES AND TRY NOT TO LEAVE ANY DAMAGE.

I WILL REMOVE AND DISPOSE OF ANY AND ALL TRASH AND LITTER THAT I FIND.

I WILL APPRECIATE AND PROTECT OUR INHERITANCE OF NATURAL RESOURCES, WILDLIFE AND PRIVATE PROPERTY.

I WILL, AS AN AMBASSADOR FOR THE HOBBY, USE THOUGHTFULNESS, CONSIDERATION AND COURTESY AT ALL TIMES.

I WILL WORK TO HELP BRING UNITY TO OUR HOBBY BY WORKING WITH ANY ORGANIZATION OF ANY GEOGRAPHIC AREA THAT MAY HAVE PROBLEMS THAT WILL LIMIT THEIR ABILITY TO PEACEFULLY PURSUE THE HOBBY.

I WILL LEAVE GATES AS FOUND.

I WILL BUILD FIRES IN DESIGNATED SAFE PLACES ONLY.

I WILL REPORT TO THE PROPER AUTHORITIES ANY INDIVIDUALS WHO ENTER AND OR REMOVE ARTIFACTS FROM FEDERAL PARKS OR STATE PRESERVES.

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